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Larson Fights to Bring Bill To Floor for One-Time $250 Payment for Social Security Recipients, Vote Expected in the House Next Week

Washington, DC- Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) released the following statement after announcing that next week the House of Representatives will bring to the floor legislation to provide America's seniors with a one-time $250 payment. Congressman Larson has fought for this one-time payment since it was announced that Social Security recipients would not receive a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2011.

"During these tough economic times, seniors in Connecticut and across the nation are struggling to make ends meet. For the second consecutive year, America's seniors and individuals will not receive a COLA, by no fault of this President or Congress. However, we can remedy this through action," said Congressman Larson, who in his role as Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus spearheaded the creation of the Congressional Task Force on Seniors.

Congressman Larson added, "I am proud that we will bring to the floor next week for a vote legislation that will provide needed relief to Social Security beneficiaries through a one-time $250 payment. With one in three seniors depending on Social Security for more than 90 percent of their income, especially during these tough economic times, we cannot be idle in our actions."

In October, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that there will not be a COLA for 2011. Due to the result of economic conditions, and not Congressional or Presidential action, retirees, veterans, and those with disabilities will not see an increase in their monthly Social Security, SSI, VA Pension and Compensation, or Railroad Retirement benefits.

Approximately one out of every five individuals Congressman Larson represents in the Hartford region is a recipient of Social Security benefits, the largest percentage of all the state's congressional districts.

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